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Rocky Mountain Power's request for a fee on solar power customers

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to respond to Rocky Mountain Power's request for a fee on solar power customers. In the abstract, such a fee is a reasonable means to recover the fixed costs of the utility. However, there are at present substantial financial subsidies, tax advantages and unrecognized price risks granted to carbon based energy for the utility. It is unlikely that these carbon energy subsidies will become recognized in the near future. Until a carbon tax or some other mechanism is imposed to eliminate carbon based energy subsidies, I oppose a solar fee on solar power customers on the basis of cost accounting parity.

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